

MEMORANDUM FOR: *Admiral Turner*

D/NFAC sees no problem  
with the delay. C/NIC concurs  
with NIO/SP that DoD requirements  
will be satisfied despite the delay.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Rescheduling of NIE 11-3/8-81

1. As you know, preparation of this year's NIE 11-3/8 was disrupted by the need to produce estimates of foreign reactions to US strategic force improvements. After reviewing several options, I recommend that we proceed with the original plans for the scope and content of the NIE, but that the date for its completion be slipped by about five weeks--from mid-December to late January. (See the attached schedule.) [redacted] 25X1

2. The original schedule, as in previous years, was intended to support the DoD Annual Report and the preparation of the DCI's testimony to Congressional committees in January and February. To satisfy these requirements under the revised schedule we will have a draft of the estimate by mid-December that will have been coordinated with NFIB representatives. I will discuss with [redacted] 25X1 the nature and timing of the intelligence inputs that he needs from us for the DoD Annual Report, but I believe that the schedule I have proposed will meet his needs. We plan to have NFIB representatives' coordination on the Key Judgments and graphics for the main text of the NIE in early January. [redacted] 25X1

3. I am directing some changes in emphasis in the main text of the NIE to accord with what I believe to be important interests of consumers; more innovative changes will have to wait until next year. Because of the various community sensitivities, and the lead time required for the analyses and preparation of graphics, I would like to decide soon on the nature and extent of quantitative assessments to be included in the final chapter of the NIE depicting Soviet capabilities. I will make some recommendations to you on this matter in about a week, after I have reviewed the first draft of that chapter. [redacted] 25X1

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Attachment

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